

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15 and 26 and cancel claim 18, as shown below. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status, is provided below:

1-14 (cancelled)

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~~15.~~ (Currently amended) A method for inhibiting an immune reaction, said method comprising administering a peptide ^{covering a range of} ~~comprising the amino acid sequence of:~~

i) Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg (SEQ ID NO:1) or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof at a residue position other than 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 or 11;

ii) Gly-Ala-Ala-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg (SEQ ID NO:7) or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof at a residue position other than 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 or 11;

iii) Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Ala-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg (SEQ ID NO:8) or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof at a residue position other than 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 or 11; and

iv) Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Ala (SEQ ID NO:9) or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof at a residue position other than 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 or 11,

wherein the peptide which selectively binds hyaluronic acid ^{there} and wherein said administering inhibits an immune reaction.

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~~16.~~ (Original) The method of claim ¹~~15~~, wherein the immune reaction is cutaneous.

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~~17.~~ (Original) The method of claim ¹~~15~~, wherein the peptide inhibits leukocyte infiltration.

18-25 (cancelled)

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26. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said method comprises administering:

a carrier material; and

a said peptide the amino acid sequence of:

i) — ~~Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg~~ or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof;

ii) — ~~Gly-Ala-Ala-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg~~ or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof;

iii) — ~~Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Ala-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Arg~~ or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof; or

iv) — ~~Gly-Ala-His-Trp-Gln-Phe-Asn-Ala-Leu-Thr-Val-Ala~~ or a conservative amino acid substitution thereof

to a subject with an immune reaction.